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Benefits to being in the Honors College

By Lauren Fife

There are many benefits to being a part of Marshall University's Honors College. While some of these benefits are more well-known than others, it's important for members to know the many resources available.

Honors College members are able to receive the Honors College Scholarship as well as other merit-based scholarships through the university and have access to priority registration. Priority registration for the Fall 2021 semester took place Thursday, April 1st at 12:01 am through Friday, April 2nd at 5:00 pm. Part of being in the Honors college involves taking specific honors seminars. These seminars are based on a wide array of topics, so there

should be something to appeal to everyone. Not only are the seminars interesting, the smaller class sizes make it easier to participate and create a conversation-driven class environment.

"There are many benefits to being in Honors. The best is the cohort of like-minded students that you find. I have seen students who are very talented but have never clicked with their peers until they join the Honors College," Dr. Nicki LoCascio, Dean of the college, said. "Honors is not elitism in action but a recognition that students have different learning styles and different educational needs," LoCascio continued.

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Finals study tips from Honors students

By Bouthiana Fathallah

The end of the semester is fast approaching and students, both on campus and virtually, have started to prepare for final exams and projects. There are a variety of ways to excel in an academic setting. Honors upperclassmen shared their study tips and resources in hopes of helping fellow Marshall University students succeed.

Senior Applied Mathematics and Secondary Education major, Jordyn Bryson, explained her favorite study tip. "I like to make study sheets or formula sheets, gathering all the information I need to review onto one sheet of paper. I use different colors for each section and write down formulas or explanations of the material. Synthesizing the

information and evaluating what is important helps to remember the material. Even if it can't be used on the test, it is a great resource for study right before the test." Other tips she focused on included the importance of "removing distractions from a study area and making sure to sleep and rest in between study sessions."

She also detailed Marshall University resources that have helped throughout her academic journey. "I loved using the Marshall Math Tutoring Lab and the facilities in the engineering building, like the study rooms with the whiteboards. Whiteboards are crucial to my success in math classes. I love to have a big table to spread out my study

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Impacts of the pandemic on student study habits

By Dominic Collins

Switching to online classes has proven to be one of the most challenging aspects of this academic year for students since the emergence of COVID-19. Stuck in one's home, in front of a computer for hours a day is not how many students imagined spending their formative college experience. For over a year now, students have been unable to safely form study groups, go to local coffee shops, or utilize a variety of the services that Marshall has to offer. To learn more about the ways COVID-19 public health measures have impacted the study habits of Marshall University students, I interviewed three Marshall students.

Eden Cantrell is a sophomore at Marshall University and is a double major in Chemistry and Psychology. She says that the hardest part of the past year was the location where she studied: "Before I could book a room in the library to have peace and quiet, allowing me to study efficiently. Now I just sit on the couch at home and do my best to focus. Hopefully, things return to normal next semester."

I next spoke with senior Brendin Flinn who is a Biology Pre-Med major. He states that: "I didn't really change my habits too much. Before I used to study in my dorm room so moving entirely online has not been a problem. I do

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Additionally, students have access to a study lounge and a computer lab located in the Honors College in Old Main 230. The computer lab offers free printing for members who bring their own paper. Honors living learning communities are also available for members in the First Year

Residence Halls and Willis Hall.

“My favorite things about the Honors College are having extra resources on campus like private study rooms, computer access, and being able to register for my classes early,” Lauren Gaal, a senior psychology and English major, said. “I’ve also enjoyed having the opportunity to

meet and connect with students and professors within the smaller classes,” Gaal stated

In order to graduate with University Honors through the Honors College, students must complete 12 credit hours from honors seminars as well as 12 credit hours from other general honors requirement courses. Students must also

maintain a 3.30 overall GPA to remain a member of the college. There are many resources accessible to college members to help them succeed. To find more information about Marshall University’s Honors college benefits, go to <https://www.marshall.edu/honors/prospective-students/benefits>.

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materials, along with a cup of tea or coffee. Usually I don’t study alone, but if I do, I put on some music I already know so it doesn’t distract me. Make sure to see the sun occasionally.” The Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering complex is located at 1676 Third Avenue on the Huntington Campus, across from the Science building.

Junior Mathematics and

Applied Mathematics major, Logan Rose, expressed some of his go-to study tips as well. “Making notecards is very useful for memorization, especially with definitions. Quizlet is also a good study source, as you can make flashcards or look at sets made by others.” He detailed that his best advice was to get to know other students within classes. “Group study sessions have often helped me get a better grasp of the material. Working with

others is very useful because you get to bounce ideas off of one another.”

Additionally, Logan has had experience as a tutor on campus and provided insight to the benefits of using the tutoring services. “You do not get a lot of one-on-one time with the instructor during class. However, when you work with a tutor, you get to go at your own pace and work on the concepts that you specifically need to learn.” He also emphasized that

“there are many great places to study on campus! We have Drinko Library, The Student Center, The Den, and many more. There are also several study rooms in each dorm. One of the best places to study on a nice day is at a table outside the student center.” Tutoring is offered on-line for this semester and can be accessed through calling the Tutoring Center at 304-696-622 or emailing tutoring@marshall.edu to make an appointment.



Aerial view of Marshall University campus looking West

By Alyssa Milbee

Connection to the Honors College: I have been in the Honors College since freshman year, and I am currently serving as an Honors College Senator for Marshall's Student Government Association (SGA).

Class level: Junior

Major: English and International Affairs

Hometown: Princeton, WV

Passions: Broadway, reading, video games, and dancing

A word to describe herself: Perfectionist

Involvement on campus: I am an Honors College Senator in SGA, and I am a member of Japan Club and Pre-Law Club.

Awards: Honors College Scholarship, Promise Scholarship, Meade & Althea Nance Smith Scholarship, G.M. Cruise Foundation Scholarship, John Marshall Scholarship, Chuck Mathena Scholarship, Odell H. Huffman Scholarship, Ethel Bowen Scholarship

Favorite Marshall memories so far: Going out with friends after the football games, and more recently, getting to lay a rose at the Fountain Ceremony.

Proudest accomplishments: At Marshall, my proudest accomplishments are my academics and grades.

Hopes for the semester/summer: I hope to finish this semester strong and to continue learning as much as possible. For the summer, I am currently pursuing internship possibilities and am making plans to read some books on my TBR (to be read) pile.

Impact of pandemic on your semester: COVID-19 has definitely made this semester feel rather disconnected and isolating but being involved in student organizations and having friends who are experiencing all the same things have made it seem less lonely. I am not on campus at all this semester, so everything feels a little distant; everything for me is remote and digital.

Honorable Mention

Madison Knight



Courtesy of Madison Knight

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miss the large whiteboards in the chemistry library, though.”

Finally, I had the opportunity to speak with senior Levi Haines who is major-

ing in Biochemistry and graduates this semester. Levi told me that: “the hardest part about being stuck inside for online classes is finding the motivation to work. Sitting in the same place, doing the same things day in and day out really takes a toll on your

motivation. It was a lot easier to attend lecture when had to be there in person too.”

As you can tell, COVID-19 has had a profound impact on how students actively study during the semester. Being stuck inside, which

is a common theme among all who were interviewed, appears to be the most mentally draining aspect about online school. As vaccines begin to become widely available, I hope to see everyone back on campus in person next semester!



Honors housing and benefits of being in the Honors College

By **Averi Aya-ay**

Marshall offers students in the Honors College a range of options for living on campus as well as many resources and opportunities that come with living in honors housing or being a member of the college in general. Honors housing is located in both the freshman dorms and in Willis Hall, which is part of the four residence hall Mar-

shall Commons complex. The freshman dorms are single room with private bathrooms for each room. A former Honors College student and freshman honors dorm resident, Caitlyn Nay, stated “Living in the honors dorms gave me the opportunity to meet great people and form life-long friendships.” In Willis Hall students can choose to live in suites of two rooms or four people connected by

a bathroom and common space or eight person suites connected by a common space. The Honors College also has specific Living Learning Community houses in both of the honors dorms for students to live with and interact with other students with similar interests and majors. The college also offers resources outside of housing that are beneficial for students living on campus. For in-

stance, according to the Marshall University website, some of the benefits of being a member of the honors college are a computer lab with free printing, extended library borrowing, and study lounge on campus. Nay also stated “there are so many resources available to honor students and they are always trying to expand them.” [See also the Fife article on page one of this issue]



Marshall Commons residence halls

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